

WELCOME HOME TO GOD!

WELCOME HOME #1

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“God’s Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?” God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance!” (Romans 8:14–17, Message)

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for...he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.” (Ephesians 1:11–12, Message)

1. GOD DELIGHTS IN ME.

“For the LORD delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.” (Psalm 149:4, NLT)

“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he [GOD] had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.” (Ephesians 1:4, Message)

2. GOD WANTS ME TO BE A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” (Ephesians 1:5, NLT)

“GOD ...[in] his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.” (1 Peter 1:3, LB)

“Respect everyone, and love the family of believers.” (1 Peter 2:17, NLT)

3. GOD WILL MATURE ME TO BECOME LIKE JESUS CHRIST.

“God ... decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son.” (Romans 8:29, Message)

“The Lord’s Spirit makes us more and more like our glorious Lord.” (2 Corinthians 3:18, CEV)

4. GOD CREATED ME TO SERVE HIM.

“Certainly you made my mind and heart; you wove me together in my mother’s womb.” (Psalm 139:13, NET)

“In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.” (Ephesians 2:10, NCV)

5. GOD GAVE ME A LIFE MISSION.

“The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.” (Acts 20:24, NCV)

“You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.” (Proverbs 19:21, NLT)